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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF CAPE VERDE ON AUGUST FIFTEEN
TERMINATED ALMOST ALL RURAL WORKS PROJECTS FINANCED FROM THE
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (WHICH IS DERIVED FROM SALE OF
COMMODITIES DONATED TO THE GOCV). THOUGH ALL WORK CEASED
ON THAT DAY GOCV HAS PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY FIFTY THOUSAND
(50,000) WORKERS FROM THE PROJECTS WITH CREDIT OF ONE
THOUSAND ESCUDOS (U.S. \$30) TO CARRY THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES
FOR ONE MONTH. THEORETICALLY RECESS IN WORK IS TO ALLOW
FIELDS TO BE WORKED AND PLANTED THOUGH IN FACT MOST FIELDS
WERE SEEDED PRIOR TO AUGUST ONE.

2. IF RAINS DO NOT COME TO CAPE VERDE THIS YEAR, AND IT
APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL, GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED
THAT IT WILL RESTART PROJECTS ON SEPTEMBER 15. THOUGH
PROMISE HAS BEEN MADE, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND IS NOW
COMPLETELY DEPLETED AND GOVERNMENT HAS ACTUALLY ALLOWED
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CERTAIN PROJECTS TO CONTINUE EVEN THOUGH FUNDS HAVE NOT
BEEN ALLOCATED (AND APPARENTLY DO NOT EXIST) TO PAY
WORKERS THEIR DUE.

3. THE ONLY RURAL WORKS PROJECTS CONTINUED THROUGH
AUGUST 15 WERE THE PROJECTS ON SAO VICENTE ISLAND
WHERE UNEMPLOYMENT ALREADY EXCEEDS FIFTY PERCENT.

4. COMMENT: TOTAL OF FIFTY THOUSAND WORKERS EMPLOYED IN RURAL WORKS PROJECT REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FOUR PERCENT (24 PERCENT) OF ACTIVE POPULATION AND PROBABLY AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE PERCENT (45) OF TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE ISLANDS. THOUGH WAGES ON THE PROJECTS ARE VERY LOW (U.S. ONE DOLLAR TEN CENTS PER DAY FOR MEN, NINETY CENTS FOR WOMEN AND UP TO SEVENTY CENTS FOR CHILDREN), JOBS REPRESENT ONLY WAY OF EARNING THE DAILY BREAD FOR MANY CAPEVERDEANS.
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